

AD AO 78888

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN
TRIBUTARY TO HAY CREEK, BERKS COUNTY

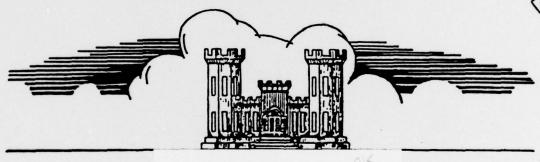
PENNSYLVANIA



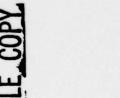
GRACE MINE TAILINGS DAM

NDI-PA 00715 PA DER 6-445

PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT
NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM



Distribution Unlimited
Approved for Public Release
Contract No. DACW31-79-C-0010





Justin & Courtney Division
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
19103

FOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
BALTIMORE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
21203

AUGU 8 (1929

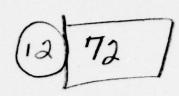
7

1 014

DISCLAIMER NOTICE

THIS DOCUMENT IS BEST QUALITY PRACTICABLE. THE COPY FURNISHED TO DDC CONTAINED A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PAGES WHICH DO NOT REPRODUCE LEGIBLY.

11 Aug 79/



P

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

Name of Dam: Grace Mine Tailings Dam County and State: Berks County, Pennsylvania Inventory Number: PA 00715

DDC

PHASE LINSPECTION REPORT
NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM.

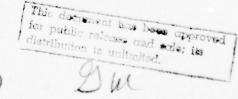
Grace Mine Trailings Dam,
(NDI-PA ØØ715 PADER 6-445) E

Delaware River Basin, Tributary
to Hay Creek, Berks County,
Pennsylvania. Phase I Inspection Report.

O'BRIEN & GERE ENGINEERS, INC. JUSTIN & COURTNEY DIVISION

For:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers Baltimore, MD 21203



410760

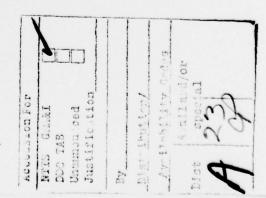
PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigations, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through frequent inspections can unsafe conditions be detected, and only through continued care and maintenance can these conditions be prevented or corrected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the spillway design flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The spillway design flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.



PHASE I REPORT

NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM

Name of Dam:

Grace Mine Tailings Dam - ID # PA 00715

State Located:

Pennsylvania

County Located: Stream:

Berks

Coordinates:

Tributary to Hay Creek Latitude 40° 11.3' Longitude 75° 52.1'

Date of Inspection:

May 15, 1979

ASSESSMENT

Grace Mine Tailings Dam is an earth and rockfill embankment with a claylined, rock-filled spillway channel and five reinforced concrete decants which feed into a 20-inch diameter outlet pipe. The decants function as drop inlet spillways when the outlet gate is open. The dam is approximately 2,000 feet long with a maximum height of 145 feet and impounds a reservoir with a normal pool storage capacity of 525 acre-feet. The purpose of the reservoir is for storage of the tailings from the Bethlehem Mines Corporation iron mine. The dam is located on a tributary of Hay Creek, approximately 3 miles northwest of Elverson, Pennsylvania.

The Spillway Design Flood (SDF) for this "Large" size, "High" hazard structure is the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). The reservoir is capable of containing the full PMF in storage without overtopping of the embankment. Therefore, the spillway system is classified as "Adequate".

Based on visual observations and review of the information obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER), Division of Dam Safety and from the Bethlehem Mines Corporation, Grace Mine Tailings Dam is considered to be in good condition.

Recommendations and remedial measures are as follows:

a. **Facilities**

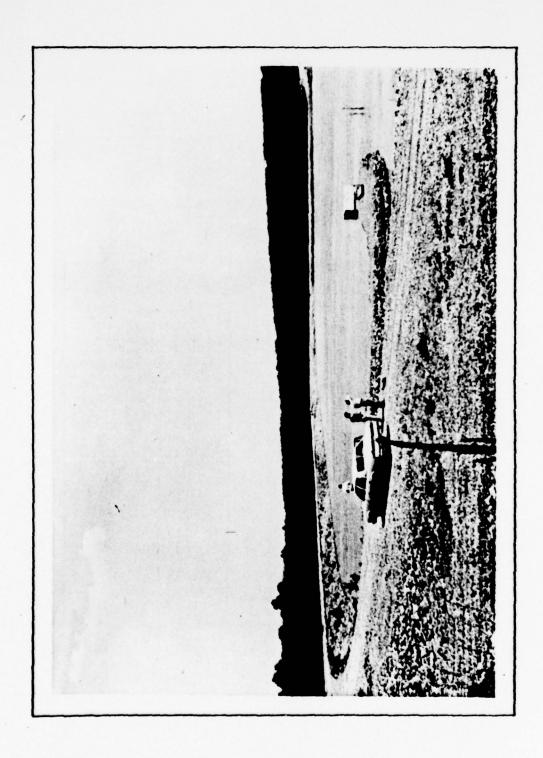
- The top of the dam should be restored to design elevation with suitable compacted material. Surface monuments should be installed to monitor any future settlement of the top of the dam.
- The seepage observed at the left abutment should be monitored. If any substantial increases in flow or migration of fines are noted, then a drainage pipe should be provided for this seepage to insure that the integrity of the embankment is not endangered.

b. Operation and Maintenance Procedures

District Engineer

A downstream warning system should be developed. During periods of heavy rainfall, the dam should be monitored and downstream residents should be alerted in the event of an impending failure. The inoperable Parshall flumes should be repaired to aid in monitoring discharges.

O'BRIEN & GERE ENGINEERS, INC. JUSTIN & COURTNEY DIVISION	
John J. Williams	Date: 5 Sept. 1979
Vice President Pennsylvania Registration PE006920E	
Approved by:	Date: 19 Sep 1979
JAMES W. PECK Colonel, Corps of Engi	neers



OVERVIEW
GRACE MINE TAILINGS DAM, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

TABLE OF CONTENTS

		PAGE
SECTION 1	- PROJECT INFORMATION	
1.1 1.2 1.3	General Description Pertinent Data	1 1 3
SECTION 2	2 - ENGINEERING DATA	
2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4	Design Construction Operation Evaluation	5 5 5 5
SECTION	3 - VISUAL INSPECTION	
3.1	Findings	7
SECTION	4 - OPERATIONAL FEATURES	
4.1 4.2 4.3 4.4 4.5	Procedures Maintenance of the Dam Maintenance of Operating Facilities Warning System in Effect Evaluation	9 9 9 9
SECTION :	5 - HYDRAULICS AND HYDROLOGY	
5.1	Evaluation of Features	10
SECTION	6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY	
6.1	Evaluation of Structural Stability	11
SECTION	7 - ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS, PROPOSED REMEDIAL MEASURES	
7.1 7.2	Dam Assessment Recommendations, Remedial Measures	12 12

TABLE OF CONTENTS (Continued)

APPENDIX A - CHECKLIST, ENGINEERING DATA, DESIGN CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, PHASE I APPENDIX B - CHECKLIST, VISUAL INSPECTION, PHASE I HYDROLOGIC & HYDRAULIC DATA PHOTOGRAPHS PHOTOGRAPHS DRAWINGS APPENDIX F - SITE GEOLOGY

PHASE I REPORT NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM GRACE MINE TAILINGS DAM NDI I.D. NO. 00715 DER # 6-445

SECTION 1

PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General

- a. <u>Authority</u>. The Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a program of inspection of dams throughout the United States.
- b. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this inspection is to determine if the Grace Mine Tailings Dam constitutes a hazard to human life or property.
- 1.2 <u>Description of Project</u> (Based upon information obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER), Division of Dam Safety, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and from the Bethlehem Mines Corporation.)
- a. Dam and Appurtenances. Grace Mine Tailings Dam is an earth and rockfill embankment approximately 2,000 feet long with a maximum height of 145 feet. The dam was constructed to impound iron ore tailings slurry pumped from a nearby iron mine operated by the Bethlehem Mines Corporation. The reservoir area provides storage space for the tailings which settle out of the slurry to leave a clear water lake.

A homogeneous, impervious earth embankment was originally constructed in 1956-1957 to Elevation 600. Two extension dikes were constructed to Elevation 620 in 1976-1977. These dikes are located several hundred feet to the south of the right abutment. The side slopes were 3 horizontal to 1 vertical (3H:1V) from the base of the dam to Elevation 540 and 2.5H:1V from Elevation 540 to the top of the dam. In the late 1960's, the dam was raised to Elevation 615 by extending the upstream face on a 2.5H:1V slope and steepening the downstream slope to 1.75H:1V. The portion of the embankment above Elevation 600 is composed of rockfill with a 5-foot thick clay layer near the upstream face which extends to the top of the dam. A filter layer provides transition between the rockfill and the clay layer on each side. The Bethlehem Mines Corporation had originally intended to raise the dam to Elevation 631. The downstream slope was to be reconstructed in two stages, from the base of the dam to Elevation 540 and from Elevation 540 to the top of the dam. The lower portion was completed leaving a large berm at Elevation 540 upon which the upper portion was to be constructed. However, the mine was closed in July, 1977 and construction of the dam was stopped with the top at Elevation 615.0 and the berm at Elevation 540.0 about 80 feet wide.

The spillway for the dam is located near the left abutment. It is a 50-foot wide rock-filled, clay-lined channel. The spillway channel is formed by impervious clay boundaries and is filled with rock so that the spillway has minimal discharge capacity. The upstream clay layer terminates at Elevation 611.0 to form the spillway crest. The spillway channel through the dam is lined on the invert by a 5-foot thick clay layer which drops from Elevation 608 to 606.6 and by 12-foot thick clay layers on each side (see Plate 8 in Appendix E). The clay layers are protected on both sides of the spillway by 12-foot thick filter zones.

The outlet works consist of a series of reinforced concrete decants connected by a 20-inch diameter steel pipe which leads into another 20-inch diameter steel pipe located beneath the embankment with a 20-inch gate valve at the outlet end (see Plate 3, Appendix E). Each decant is 25 feet high, has three walls, and contains a bell inlet 10 feet above the base of the structure. Inflow stages are controlled by means of stop logs above the bell inlet elevation, which is also the crest elevation of the decant. Five decants are located near the upstream toe stretching from the main inlet structure to the left abutment with crest elevations of 520, 550, 580, 595, and 610. Only one decant is in operation at any time and as the reservoir level rises and each decant becomes submerged, the bell inlet is replaced by a blind flange, the pipe is encased in concrete and the bell inlet is transferred to the next higher decant. The water level has been near the top of the fourth decant since mining operations ceased in 1977. A 20-inch diameter steel pipe directs flow from the operating decant to the main inlet structure. The flow then discharges through another 20-inch diameter steel pipe beneath the embankment into the outlet structure, which leads into the natural stream.

A drainage system consisting of a trench drain, blanket drain and toe drain, underlies the embankment. The trench drain is 50 feet wide, has a 10-foot base width, and 10-foot depth, and extends from Station 1+50 to Station 8+00 (Station 0+00 is at the left abutment). The toe drain extends the entire length of the embankment and is connected to the trench drain by means of a 5-foot thick blanket drain between Stations 3+50 and 8+00. The blanket drain extends about one hundred feet further than the trench drain toward the right abutment. All three drains are composed of rock with one-foot thick filters on all sides.

- b. Location. Grace Mine Tailings Dam is located on a tributary to Hay Creek approximately 3 miles northwest of the town of Elverson, Pennsylvania. The dam lies within Caernarvon Township in Berks County and is shown on the USGS Quadrangle entitled, "Elverson, Pennsylvania" at coordinates N 40 11.3', W 75 52.1'. A regional location plan of Grace Mine Tailings Dam is enclosed as Plate 1, Appendix E.
- c. Size Classification. The dam has a maximum height of about 145 feet and a maximum storage capacity of approximately 1,650 acre-feet. Therefore, the dam is in the "Large" size category.
- d. <u>Hazard Classification</u>. A number of inhabitable structures are located in the valley downstream of the dam. Failure of the dam would result in excessive property damage and probable loss of life. Therefore, the dam is in the "High" hazard category.

- e. Ownership. Grace Mine Tailings Dam is owned by Bethlehem Mines Corporation, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 18016.
- f. Purpose of Dam. The dam was constructed to impound the tailings slurry from the Bethlehem Mines iron mine.
- g. Design and Construction History. According to Mr. Charles E. Taylor, Assistant Manager of Mining Operations, Grace Mine Tailings Dam was designed by D'Appolonia Consulting Engineers in 1956. The dam was constructed by Jack and Jim Mazer in 1956-1957 to Elevation 600 (original design top of dam elevation). The tailings from the iron mine were pumped into the reservoir by means of a slurry and gradually reduced the available storage in the reservoir. Considerations for raising the dam to Elevations 631 and eventually 650 were made, and in the late 1960's the initial raising was undertaken. However, in July, 1977, mining operations were closed down and construction was halted with the top of dam at Elevation 615.
- h. Operating Procedures. There are no operating procedures for this dam, according to the Owner's representative.

1.3 Pertinent Data.

a. Drainage Area.

Square Miles

0.7

b. Discharge at Dam Site. (cfs)

There are no available records of discharge rate for the original dam and the current spillway has minimal discharge capacity.

c. Elevation. (feet above MSL)

Reservoir Surface (as of 8-24-77)	607.3
Reservoir Surface (as of 5-15-79)	608.3
Spillway Crest	611.0
Top of Dam	615.0
Reservoir Drain Invert (inlet)	485.0
Reservoir Drain Invert (outlet)	470.0
Streambed at Downstream Toe of dam	470.0

d. Reservoir. (miles)

Length of Normal Pool	0.42
Length of Maximum Non-overtopping pool	0.43

c. Storage. (acre-feet)

Normal Pool, Elev. 608.3	525
Top of Dam, Elev. 615	1,650

f. Reservoir Surface Area. (acres)

Normal pool, Elev. 608.3 Top of Dam, Elev. 615

132 198

Earth and rockfill

2,000 feet

145 feet

30 feet

2.5H:1V

g. Dam Data.

Type
Length
Height
Crest Width
Side Slopes (upstream)
(downstream)

)

Zoning

Cutoff Grout Curtain 1.75H:1V Above Elev. 600, refer to Section 1.2.a

> None None

h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel.

None

i. Spillway.

Type Crest Length Crest Elevation Gates

Rock-filled, clay-lined channel 50 feet 611.0 None

j. Outlet Works.

Type

Length Closure Access A series of reinforced concrete decants which feed into a 20-inch diameter steel outlet pipe

Outlet pipe - 730 feet Gate at the downstream toe The valve that controls the downstream gate is accessible. The decants are only accessible by boat.

ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 Design

- a. <u>Data Available</u>. The engineering data made available by DER includes the following:
 - 1. A set of 31 design drawings for the original embankment (dated 1956).
 - A set of 10 design drawings for the extension dikes (dated 1970).
 - "General Plan Map for Expanding Existing Tailings Dam & Pond -Crest Elev. 650".
 - 4. "Specifications for Tailings Dam to Elevation 620".
 - 5. Several Miscellaneous Regional Maps.

Three additional drawings were obtained from the Bethlehem Mines Corporation. They are:

- The proposed plan for the Tailings Dam Expansion to crest Elev. 631 with approximate conditions as of August 24, 1977 shown.
- 2. "Idealized Sections Thru Tailings Dam Spillway 615 Crest".
- 3. Details of the #5 & #6 decants.
- b. Design Features. The design features are described in Section 1.2.a and shown on the Plates in Appendix E.

2.2 Construction

Construction reports and photographs were not obtained from DER. Construction information and dates supplied in this report were provided by Mr. Fred Eben, Project Engineer for the Bethlehem Mines Corporation.

2.3 Operation

According to the Owner's representative, there are no known operating records maintained for this dam.

2.4 Evaluation

a. Availability. All information made available was obtained from DER and the Bethlehem Mines Corporation.

- b. Adequacy. No design reports or correspondence was provided by DER or the Bethlehem Mines Corporation. However, the information (listed in Section 2.1.a) provided by DER and Bethlemen Mines Corporation, visual observations, and discussions with the Owner's representative are considered adequate for a Phase I investigation.
- c. Validity. There appears to be no reason to question the validity of the available information.

VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Findings

- a. General. The field inspection of Grace Mine Tailings Dam took place on May 15, 1979. At the time of the inspection, the water surface was approximately 1.7 feet below the crest of decant #5 and approximately 2.7 feet below the spillway crest, Elevation 611.0. No underwater areas of the dam were inspected.
- b. Dam. The downstream slope of the embankment appears to be consistent with the design drawing slope of 1.75H:1V. The slope is composed of rockfill, has an 80-foot wide berm at elevation 540 and appears to be in good condition. The visible portion of the upstream slope also appears to be in good condition. The rockfill material on the surface of the dam appears to be well graded.

The survey of the crest of the dam revealed variations in elevation of more than a foot (refer to Plate 10, Appendix E). A depressed area located in the vicinity of the outlet pipe centerline was surveyed as nearly a foot below design elevation.

c. Appurtenant Structures. The spillway section is a rock filled channel that is difficult to differentiate from the remainder of the structure on the basis of surface appearance. The condition of the spillway crest and side walls could not be determined. There is no outlet channel provided for the spillway.

The spillway is designed to release any reservoir surcharge through a controlled process by permitting the water to discharge slowly through interstices of the rock used to fill the spillway opening.

The first three decants were completely submerged on the date of the inspection. The water level was near the top of decant #4 and approximately 1.7 feet below the crest of decant #5. Both decants appeared to be in good condition. The connecting pipe extends beyond decant #5 and above the water surface to natural ground on the left abutment. The outlet pipe was discharging a small amount of flow (0.1 cfs) into the outlet structure during the inspection. The outlet structure is a rectangular concrete box, approximately 10 feet by 12 feet, which releases the flow through a Parshall flume and into the downstream channel. An additional Parshall flume is located in the channel downstream, but it is in a state of disrepair. Some discharge (0.15 cfs) was observed from the outlet end of a 12-inch diameter spring drain pipe which protrudes from the right abutment approximately 70 feet from the outlet structure. Water was also observed flowing down the left abutment slope and into the downstream channel.

d. Reservoir Area. The average reservoir side slopes are about 10 percent and are well vegetated. The extension dikes form the reservoir boundary along a portion of the reservoir south of the dam.

e. <u>Downstream Channel</u>. The natural channel slopes downward on an approximate grade of 1.5 percent for about one mile downstream, where it joins Hay Creek. Approximately five inhabitable structures are located along this one mile stretch of the stream.

OPERATIONAL FEATURES

4.1 Procedures

Operational procedures prior to shutdown of the mine consisted of placing stop logs in the operating decant and operating the downstream control valve for the outlet works. According to the Owner's representative, the gate has been in the open position since the reservoir surface overtopped the third decant crest. However, since tailings inflow ceased in 1977, there have been no formal operating procedures.

4.2 Maintenance of Dam

According to the Owner's representative, the dam is inspected regularly by employees of the Bethlehem Mines Corporation and maintenance is performed as deemed necessary.

4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities

According to the Owner's representative, the only operating facility that would require maintenance is the downstream gate valve. This valve has not been maintained or operated in recent years.

4.4 Description of Warning Systems in Effect

There is no evidence that any warning system is in effect for this site. A Parshall flume for measuring flow in the downstream channel is no longer operable.

4.5 Evaluation of Operational Adequacy

A formal warning system should be developed to alert downstream residents in the event of an impending failure.

It appears that the dam is accessible under all weather conditions for inspection and emergency action.

HYDRAULICS AND HYDROLOGY

5.1 Evaluation of Features

- a. Design Data. Grace Mine Tailings Dam has a drainage area of 0.7 square miles and impounds a reservoir with a normal pool (Elev. 608.3) storage capacity of 525 acre-feet of water (in addition to the accumulated tailings storage). The spillway is a 50-foot wide clay-lined and rock-filled channel which has a minimal discharge capacity and controls high pool stages by allowing the water to discharge slowly through interstices of the rock used to fill the spillway opening. Reservoir stages below the spillway crest are controlled by the operating decant which acts as a drop inlet spillway when the gate is in the open position. The crest elevation is determined by the number of stop logs in place in the operating decant.
- b. Experience Data. According to the Owner's representative, there are no rainfall or reservoir level records kept for this dam. Three Parshall flumes are available for measuring flow; one for the outlet pipe, one in the right (south) abutment, and one in the downstream channel. However, no consistent records were ever maintained for these flumes.
- c. <u>Visual Observations</u>. On the date of the inspection, the reservoir surface was approximately 2.7 feet below the spillway crest. A small amount of water (0.1 cfs) was flowing over the stop log crest of decant #4 and discharging from the outlet pipe downstream. Decant #4 was functioning as a drop inlet spillway and maintaining the reservoir surface at Elevation 608.3 on the date of the inspection.
- d. Overtopping Potential. The hydraulic and hydrologic analyses were performed under the assumptions that the outlet gate is closed and the rockfill spillway has no discharge capacity. Therefore, it was assumed that the dam is not capable of discharging any of the inflow. Using these analyses, the reservoir is capable of storing the entire PMF without overtopping of the low point of the embankment (see Appendix C for computations).
- e. Spillway Adequacy. The spillway system for Grace Mine Tailings Dam is classified as "Adequate".

STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

a. Visual Observations. The variations in elevation of the crest of the dam could be a result of differential settlement due to poor compaction during construction. The additional weight of the 15 feet of rockfill used for raising the embankment could also have contributed to the settlement.

The seepage observed from the left abutment was of similar quantity to the discharge from the right abutment spring drain and could also be the result of spring water.

The visible portions of decants #4 and #5 appear to be in good condition and show no signs of structural instability.

Based on the visual observations, the embankment appears to be structurally stable.

- b. Design and Construction Data. A complete set of design drawings was obtained from DER. However, there were no design calculations or construction reports made available. A list of the engineering data available from DER is given in Section 2.1.a.
- c. Operating Records. According to the Owner's representative, the outlet gate has been open since the water level reached decant #3. No records were ever kept for the operation of the gate. Parshall flumes are available for measuring the flow through the outlet pipe, from the right abutment, and in the downstream channel. These flumes are in a state of disrepair.
- d. Post Construction Changes. In the late 1960's the original embankment was raised from Elevation 600 to Elevation 615.
- e. <u>Seismic Stability</u>. Grace Mine Tailings Dam is located in Seismic Zone 1 on the Seismic Zone Map of Contiguous States. A dam located in Seismic Zone 1 is generally considered to be safe under any expected earthquake loading conditions if it is safe under static loading conditions. However, it should be noted that three minor tremors have been recorded since 1954 which originated within twenty miles of the dam site. These tremors have been classified according to the Modified Mercalli Scale as intensity V or VI.

ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS, & PROPOSED REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment

- a. Safety. The visual observations and review of available information indicate that Grace Mine Tailings Dam is in good condition. The survey of the crest of the dam revealed that an area near the longitudinal center of the embankment has settled nearly a foot below design elevation. However, the reservoir is capable of containing the Probable Maximum Flood with no discharge and without the low point on the crest of the dam being overtopped. Seepage from the left abutment near the outlet structure was observed during the inspection. The exact source of the seepage could not be determined although a natural spring seems to be the most probable cause.
- b. Adequacy of Information. There were no design calculations or construction reports made available by DER. However, the information (listed in Section 2.1.a) provided by DER and Bethlehem Mines Corporation, visual observations and discussions with the Owner's representative are considered adequate for a Phase I investigation.
- c. <u>Urgency</u>. The remedial measures recommended in Section 7.2 should be implemented as soon as possible.
- d. Necessity for Further Investigation. No further investigations are considered necessary at this time.

7.2 Recommendations and Remedial Measures

a. Facilities

- The top of the dam should be restored to design elevation with suitable compacted material. Surface monuments should be installed to monitor any future settlement of the top of the dam.
- The seepage observed at the left abutment should be monitored. If any substantial increases in flow or migration of fines are noted, then a drainage pipe should be provided for this seepage to insure that the integrity of the embankment is not endangered.

b. Operation and Maintenance Procedures

A downstream warning system should be developed. During periods of heavy rainfall, the dam should be monitored and downstream residents should be alerted in the event of an impending failure. The inoperable Parshall flumes should be repaired to aid in monitoring discharges.

APPENDIX

Α

Check List Engineering Data

Design, Construction, Operation

Phase I

CHECK LIST
ENGINEERING DATA
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION
PHASE I

NAME OF DAM Grace Mine Tailing Dam ID # PA 00715

AS-BUILT DRAWINGS

REMARKS

Sheet 1 of 4

An "As-Built" plan drawing for the raised embankment showing existing conditions was obtained from the Bethlehem Mines Corporation.

REGIOUAL VICINITY MAP

Refer to Plate 1, Appendix E.

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

No construction reports were made available by DER.

TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM

See the Plates in Appendix E for available drawings.

OUTLETS - PLAN

DETAILS

See the Plates in Appendix E for available drawings.

CONSTRAINTS

DISCHARGE RATINGS

None

RAINFALL/RESERVOIR RECORDS

None

Sneet 2 of 4 REMARKS None available. DESIGN REPORTS

GEOLOGY REPORTS

None available.

DESIGN COMPUTATIONS HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULICS DAM STABIL'ITY SEEPAGE STUDIES

None available.

MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS
BORING RECORDS
LABORATORY
FIELD

None available.

POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM None available.

BORROW SOURCES

A location map showing borrow area was obtained from DER.

	Sheet 3 of 4
ITEM	REMARKS
MÜNITORING SYSTEMS	Several Parshall flumes for measuring flow are located immediately downstream of the dam. No records have been maintained for these flumes, however.
MODIFICATIONS	Several drawings were obtained from the Bethlehem Mines Corporation for the raised embankment.
нісн Рооц кесокоѕ	None available.
POST COMSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS	None available.
PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR FAILURE OF DAM DESCRIPTION REPORTS	M None

NA INTENANCE OPERATION RECORDS

None available.

0

0,

	Sheet 4 of 4	
ITEM	REMARKS	
SPILLWAY PLAN SECTIONS DETAILS	See Plates in Appendix E for available drawings.	
OPERATING EQUIPMENT PLANS & DETAILS	See Plates in Appendix E for available drawings.	
MISCELLANEOUS	Refer to Section 2.1.a	

APPENDIX

В

Check List

Visual Inspection

Phase I

CHECK LIST VISUAL IMSPECTION PHASE I

Sheet 1 of 11

National ks State Pennsylvania ID # PA 00715	Hazard Category High Temperature 75 ⁰ F	Tailwater at Time of Inspection 470 ± M.S.L.	Robert R. Bowers	iams	Project Engineer for Bethlehem Mines Corporation, was present during the
Name Dam Grace Mine Tailing Dam County Berks	kfill 1979 Weather Clear	Pool Elevation at Time of Inspection 608.3 M.S.L.	Inspection Personnel: J. J. Williams Leonard R. Beck	J. J. Williams	Remarks: Mr. Fred Eben, Project Engineer for Beth Inspection.

CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	0BSERVAT 10NS	Sheet 2 of 11 REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	N/A	
STRUCTURE TO ABUTMENT/EMBANKMENT JUNCTIONS	N/A	
DRAINS	N/A	
WATER PASSAGES	N/A	
FOURDATION	N/A	

CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS

0

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	Sheet 3 of 11 REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS CONCRETE SURFACES	N/A	
STRUCTURAL CRACKING	N/A	
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT	N/A	
мэноцтн Јогитѕ	N/A	
CONSTRUCTION JOINTS	N/A	

EMBANKMENT

	None observed	RIPRAP FAILURES
Surface monuments should be placed along the crest to monitor future settlement.	The survey of the crest of the dam revealed vertical variations of greater than a foot, possibly due to differential settlement.	VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CREST
	None observed	SLOUGHING OR EROSION OF EMBANGMENT AND ABUTMENT SLOPES
	None observed	UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE
	None observed	SURFACE CRACKS
Sheet 4 of 11 REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS	OBSERVATIONS	VISUAL EXAMINATION OF
Sheet 4 of 11		

EMBANKMENT

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
DRAINS	The spring drain pipe appeared to be functioning properly. The trench drain, blanket drain, and toe drain system is located at the base of the embankment and could not be properly evaluated.	
JUNCTION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLWAY AND DAM	No problems observed.	
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	Water was seeping from the left abutment near the outlet struc- ture during the inspection.	Further investigation is recommended to determine the source of the seepage. A drain pipe should be provided if necessary.
STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER	None	

UNGATED SPILLWAY

6

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE WEIR		
	N/A	

GATED SPILLWAY

8

		Sheet 8 of 11
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	03SERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE SILL	N/A	
APPROACH CHAWNEL	N/A	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	N/A	
BRIDGE AND PIERS	N/A	
GATES AND OPERATION EQUIPMENT	N/A	

INSTRUMENTATION

VISUAL EXAMINATION	OBSERVATIONS	Sheet 9 of 11 REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS	None	
OBSERVATION WELLS	None	
WEIRS	Several Parshall flumes are located immediately downstream of the embankment for measuring the flow at various locations.	Repair any inoperable flumes if helpful in developing a warning system.
PIEZOMETERS	None	

None

OTHER

RESERVOIR

Sheet 10 of 11 REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS	
F OBSERVATIONS	The reservoir slopes are farily steep and well vegetated.
VISUAL EXAMINATION O	SLOPES

SEDIMENTATION

The accumulated tailings have significantly reduced the storage capacity of the reservoir. The dam was raised to Elevation 615 to create more storage to accomodate more tailings.

DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

0

		Sheet 11 of 11
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONDITION (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.)	There were no visible obstructions of the downstream channel on the date of the inspection.	

The downstream channel slopes on an approximate grade of 1.5 percent for about one mile where it joins Hay Creek.	
SLOPES	

Approximately 5 homes and 25 people are located in the area which would be flooded in the event of a dam failure.

APPROXIMATE NO. OF HOMES AND POPULATION

C

Hydrologic & Hydraulic Data

TABLE OF CONTENTS - APPENDIX C

PMP CALCULATIONS	SHEET	1
SNYDER COEFFICIENTS	SHEET	1
STAGE - AREA VALUES	SHEET	2
HEC - 1 DAM SAFETY VERSION COMPUTED OUTDUT	SHEETS	3_7

OBRIEN & GERE

GRACE MINE TAILINGS DAM SHEET BY DATE JOB NO

HYDROLOGY CALCULATIONS

DRAINAGE AREA (PLANIMETERED ON USGS QUAD SHEET): 0.7 52. MI.

PMP CALCULATIONS (HM REPORT 33)

AREA IS IN ZONE 6

24 HR. , 200 SQ. MI. RAINFALL = 23 "

HR.	10	RAWFALL	A RF
6	113	26.0 "	26.0"
12	123	28.3"	2.3"
24	132	30.4"	2.1"
48	142	32.7"	2.3 "

SNYDER COEFFICIENTS

FROM INFO. PROVIDED BY THE CUE FOR THE SUSQUEHANNA FINER BASIN, ZONE 15 C:

AND

L= 1.3 MILES

Lca = 0.6 MILES



Brace Miss Tailings Dam 2 BRE GA9

			BUTTER
-		STAGE-AREA	VALUES
	ELEVATION		SURFACE AREA (ACRES)
	600		6.5
	602		27. 2
	604		59.6
	606		88.2
	608		128.6
	610		150.6
	612		171.5
	614		191.5
	616		204.2
	618		213.9
	620		225.5
	625		251.5

THE SPILLWAY HAS BEEN FILLED WITH ROCK, THEREBY REDUCING THE DISCHARGE CAPACITY TO ZERO. A SPILLWAY CREST ELEVATION OF 615.0, THE SAME FLEVATION AS THE TOP OF THE DAM, IS INPUT TO THE HEC-1 PROGRAM TO REFLECT THE NEGLIGIBLE DISCHARGE CAPACITY.

			•												213.9		418			
															2					
			1		1.0			-							~		919			
					-										20406		9			
			_																	
			Ŭ		٠.				0.05						191.5		10			
												α								
	NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM		0		80.	01070			1.0		•	POJITNG THROUGH SHACE MINE PESERVOIR		-40H-3	1/1.5		210			
	4 6	-	0		1	FSF	,	2				9								
	ONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRACE MAINE TATELINGS DAM	PMF HYDROSRAPH			•	RUNOFF TO GRACE MINE RESERVOTE		142				NIN S			151.5	410				
	INSPE	HYDRO			9.	MCE M		132				SHAC	-	7 600	•	HOY	,			
	MAN	ME				GRI						190				4				
	AL		0		• 2	F 10		123				THRO	-	0 00		404	,	,	2000	
	1100					HOMO		-				146		d	00	•		-	20	
	7		30	-		α	1.0	113		٨		1005		4		809		-	1.5	
							0	-						404	,	9			-	
			0	6	e 3		-	23	4	2	0			^		2	ç	0	-	
::: :					NEL ON				0.82	05	DUTFLO			27	251.5	602	4	20	e,	
100					-						0									
FLOOD HYDROGRAPH PACKAGE (MEC-1) DAY SAFFT VERSION JULY 1974 LASI HODIFICATION 25 SEP 78			150	_			-	0	2.58	-1.5	-		-	5.5	225.5	6.00	624	615	615	3
A6E	- ~	6			-	-						_	-	4.	2 75			_		
14 70	4 •	•	1 1	,	7 %	,	3	2 .	- 3	×	¥	* >	*	-	v	*	•	*	9	7
01010																				
VER VER																				
174																				
OCCUPANT NEWS OCCUPANT OF THE CONTRACT OF THE CONTRACT OCCUPANT OC	~ ^		* 10	•	~ ~		_						-							
FLOOD HYDROGRAPH PARTICLES MAY SAFETY VERSION LAST MODIFICATION			•	•			= :		13	7		9 -	1.9	13	50	2	25	5	2	25
• 4 6		-10					-													
			0		0			,												

0

				٠				TAUTO			811MP 0.00			32.	S LOSS COMP O
			NA T O	0					LUCAL					94. VOL= 1.00	N EXCS
			1981					AME 151	ISAME	968	ALSHX 5 0.00			98.	N PAIN
			1PL1 0		•			JPRT INAME ISTAGE	NONSI	0.00	CNSTL . 05		HTJOHE 2.00	2.55 HOUMS. CP# 129.	PERIO
		БРАМ		ERFORMED)= 1 .70 .	:	NO	916		8AT10		STRTL	NTA . 9	PT 104	2.55 HO	MO.DA HH.MN PERIOD
		TION PPO INGS DAM	FICATION IMIN METRO 0 LROPI TRACE	70 RE PEF 9 LRT10= • 60	:	MPUTATI	HESERVI	o JPLT		471.	A P110K	12 0 14 V	20.0	•	FLOW MO.D.
		NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM GRACE MINE TAILINGS DAM PMF HYDROGRAPH	109 SPECIFICATION 148 IMIN 100 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	MULTI-PLAN ANALYSES TO HE PERFORMED NPLAN= 1 NPTIO= 9 LRTIO= 1		SUR-AREA RUNDAF COMPUTATION	HUNDER TO SHACE VINE HESERVOIR	1149	47504 H4784064H	PHECIS DATA R48 R12 - 74 R48 123.00 137.00 142.00	LOSS DATA STURS 0.00	NATT HYDROGRAPH DATA	RECESSION DATA	UNIT HYDPOGRAPH 14 END-OF-PFRIOD OHUINATES. LAGE 47. 140. 140. 140. 140. 140. 140.	END-OF-PERTON FLOW COMP 0
		ONAL DAM		PLAN AND		A-ARFA F	F TO SW	1500	SNAP TE	86 86 123.	7144		-1.50	PFR100 04	
		ITAN	10 00 CU	.30 NULTI-	•	8.0	40704	1C34P		113.	1.00	19:		11	SS07 S0
			N I N	65.				ISTAD	16 TAMEA	. 800 . 800	00.00		57870=	1	IN EXCS
F (MEC-1) JJLY 1478 SEP 78			Z C	41105=					1 1046	SPFE 0.00 SRAW 15	0.00 0.00			*70P76HA	NA PAIN
ACKAGE (150	ä					1 HY 9G	тия виз	LAOPT S			1 1175	HE.MN PERTOD
GRAPH PL	DATED 05/25/79.				•					JTED 84	a J			- <u>:</u> :	
FLOOD HYTHOGARAPH PACKAGE (MEC-1) DAW SAFETY WERSION JULY 147H LAST MODIFICATION 25 SEP 78										SPFE 0.00 0 0 0 TRSPC COMPUTED BY THE PHOGHAM IS .800					O CH
7 4 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	.00		l					er.	lec	, š		1			j

0

8

0)

SUM 26.13 23.73 2.40 22308.

••••••

•

1

			214.	2256.	618.										
	0 0		204.	1838.	616.										
	INAME ISTAGF 1 0 LSTR	STORA ISPRAT	192.	1442.	614.	FXPL 0.0									
			-	1079.	612.	CARFA F									
VOIR	Tag and I	15K		157.	610.	0.0	2000-								
UTING NE RESER	JPLT 10PT	× 000 • 0				FIEVL	040 04TA								
HYDROGRAPH HOUTING HOUTING HOUTING THROUGH GRACE HINE RESERVOIR	1ECON 1TAPE 0 0 PATA ROUTING DATA IRES ISAME	0.000 0.000	129.	478.	508.	Fxp. F1	5 "								
1480USH	16.	LAG	68.	263.	.909	3.1	TOPEL 615.0								
POUTING	1C34P 1 1 AVG 0.00	NSTOL	•09	116.	• • • • • •	Spaln .05		0.00 HOURS	SENUH 00.0	SEUCH 00.0	SEUCH 00.0	0.00 HUU3S	0.00 HOURS	0.00 HOURS	9-00 HOURS
	1STAG OUTFLO CLOSS 0.000	NSTPS	25.	31.	602.	C3EL SF									
	96.088					7		0. AT TIME	0. AT TIME	0. AT TIME	O. AT TIME				
			226.	2695.	600.			c	ò	è	é	•	•		•
			SUPFACE AREA=	CAPACITY=	FI.EVATION=			PEAK DUTFLOW IS	PEAK OUTFLOW IS	PEAK OUTFLOW 19	PEAK DUTFLUM IS	. PFAK BUTFLOW IS	PEAK OUTFLOW IS	PEAK NUTFLOW 15	PEAK OUTFLOW IS
			SUA					PEAK	PEAK C	PEAK	PEAK	PFAK	PEAK	PF AK O	PEAK 0

0

(0

PEAK FLOW AND STORAGE (END OF PERIOD) SUMMARY FOR MULTIPLE PLAN-RATIO ECONOMIC COMPUTATIONS FLOWS IN CUBIC FEET PER SFCOND (CUBIC METERS PER SECOND) AREA IN SQUARE MILES (SGUARE MILES).

0

1949. 0.00. 1754. 0.00.0 1559. 0.00.0 1364. 0.00.0 33.12) 0.00.0 390. 565. 780. 975. 11-04:1 15-56:1 22.08:1 27.60:1 0.000.0 0.00.0 0.0000 0.00.0 AZEA 1.911 1.81) HYDROGRAPH AT INFLOW OUTFLO STATION C OPERATION ROUTED TO

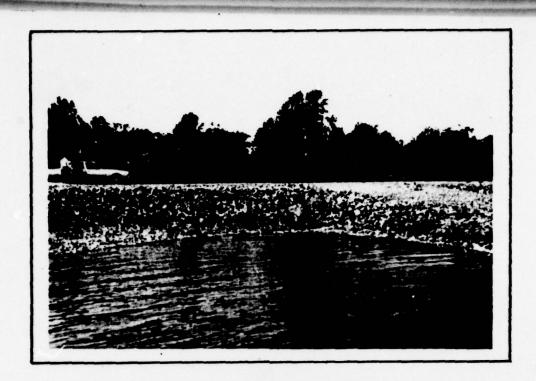
C

SUMMARY OF DAM SAFFTY ANALYSIS

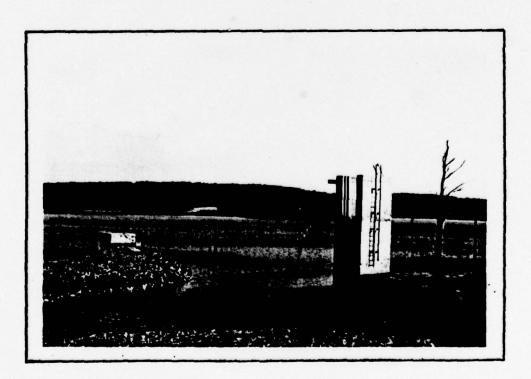
POINT - 614.09	TIME OF FAILUPE HOUDS	0.00	0.00	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0		00.0
515.00 LOW	TIME OF MAX OUTFLOW HOURS	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00-0	00.0	00.00
	DURATION OVER TOP HOURS	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	0.00	00.0	00.00
SPILLWAY CREST 615.00 1637.	MAXIMUM DUTFLOW CFS		.0	••	.0	0.	0.	.0	0	••
VALUE .30 18.	STOPAGE AC-FT	702.	146.	. 984	.876	1070.	1163.	1255.	1347.	1439.
1NITIAL VALUE 608.30 518.	MAXIMUM DEPTH OVER DAM	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0
ELEVATION STORAGE SUTFLOW	MAXIMUM RESEPVOIR M.S.ELEV	29.605	510.24	610.83	611.40	511.45	512.48	613.00	613.50	613.98
Lav :	K	.20	.30	04.	05.	09.	67.	04.	06.	1.60
PLAY										

D

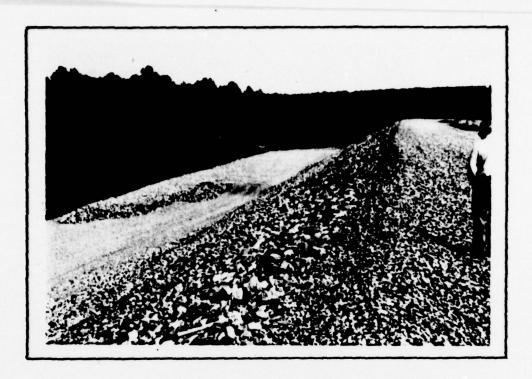
Photographs



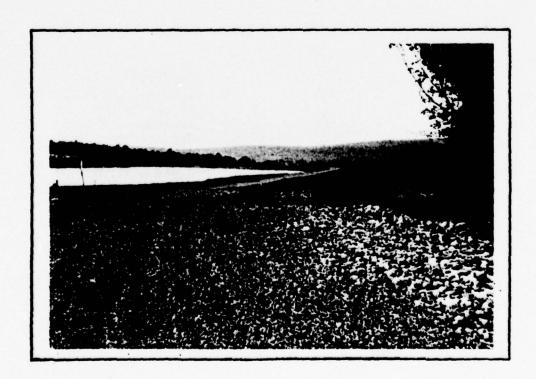
VIEW OF THE ROCK FILLED SPILLWAY SECTION NEAR THE LEFT ABUTMENT



DECANT #4 (NEARLY SUBMERGED) AND DECANT #5
NEAR THE LEFT ABUTMENT



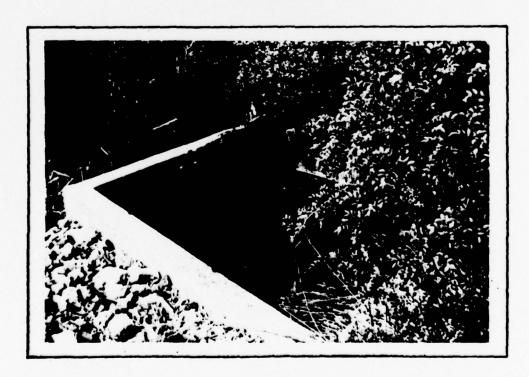
TOP PORTION OF THE DOWNSTREAM SLOPE AND THE DOWNSTREAM BERM



VIEW OF THE DAM AND RESERVOIR AS SEEN FROM THE RIGHT ABUTMENT



20 INCH DIAMETER STEEL OUTLET PIPE AT THE DOWNSTREAM TOE OF THE DAM



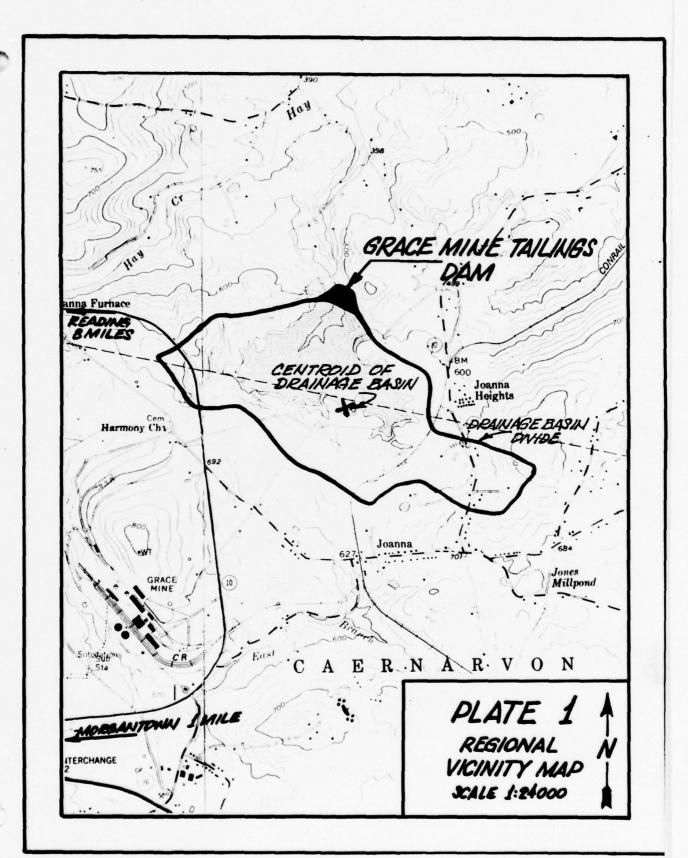
CONCRETE BOX OUTLET STRUCTURE INTO WHICH THE 20 INCH DIAMETER OUTLET PIPE DISCHARGES

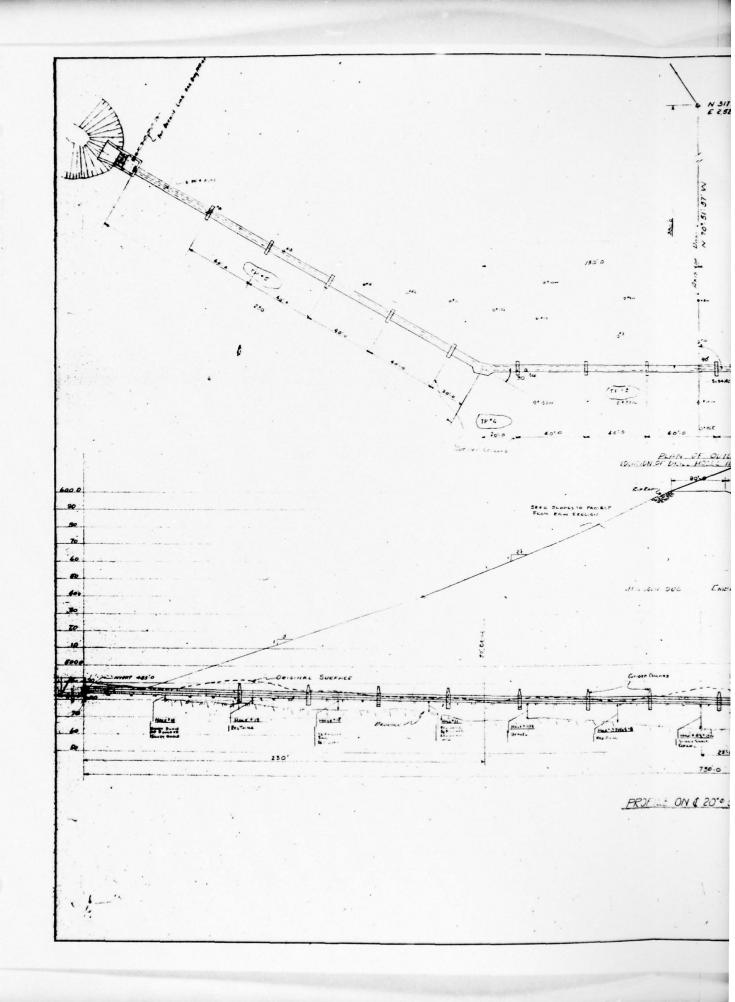
E

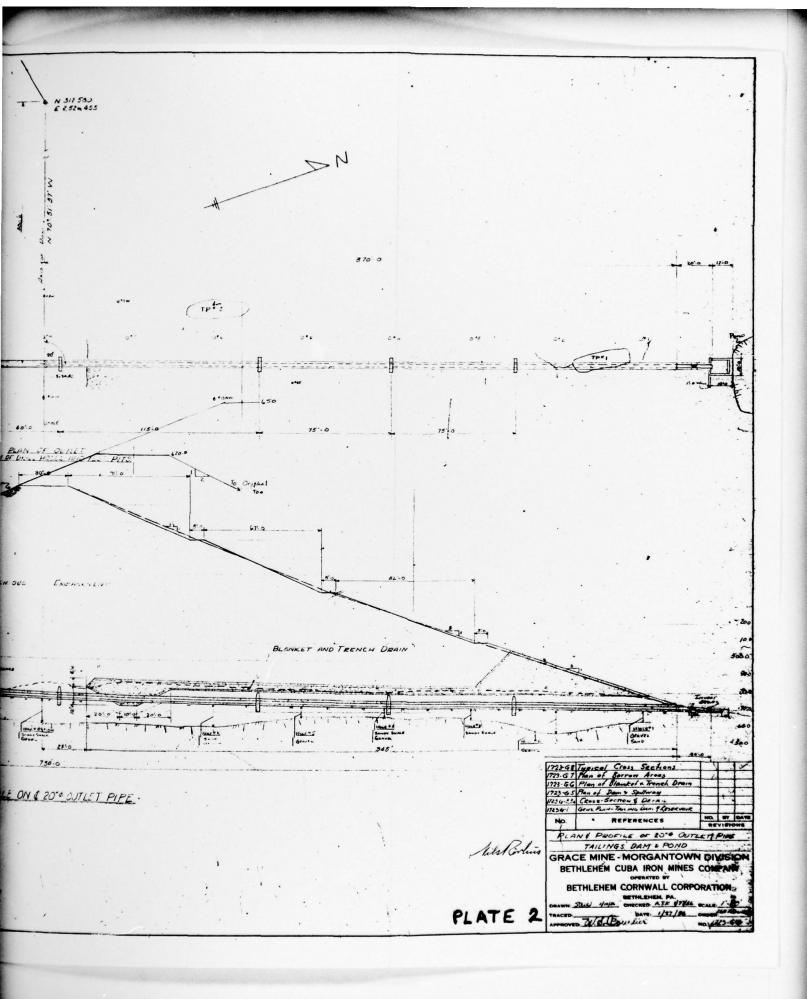
Drawings

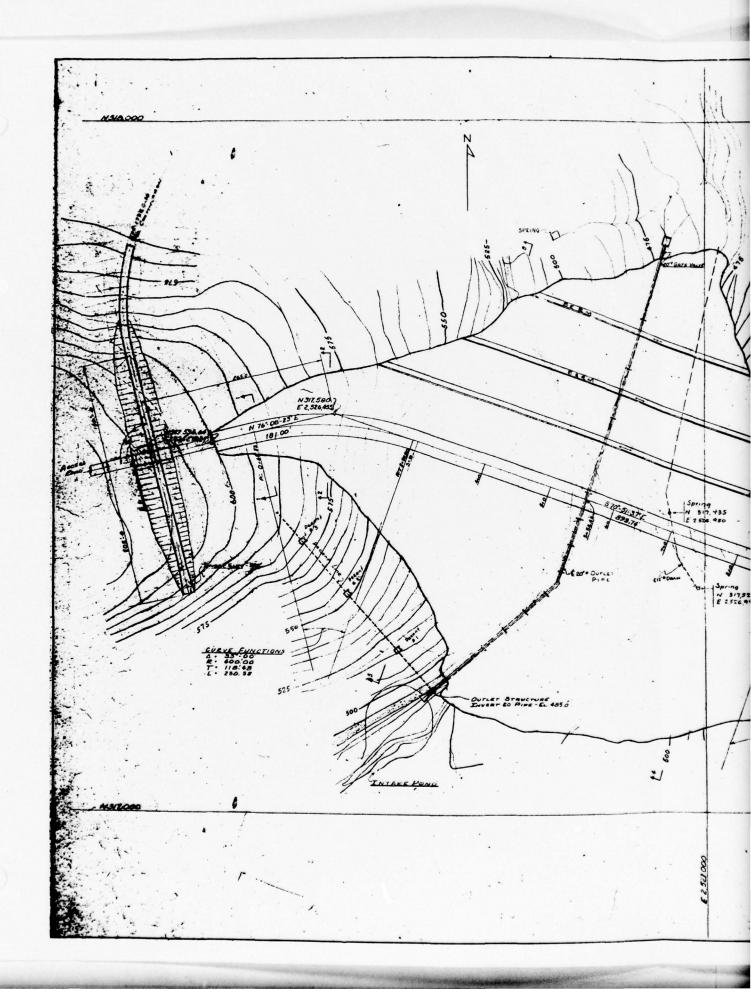
TABLE OF CONTENTS - APPENDIX E

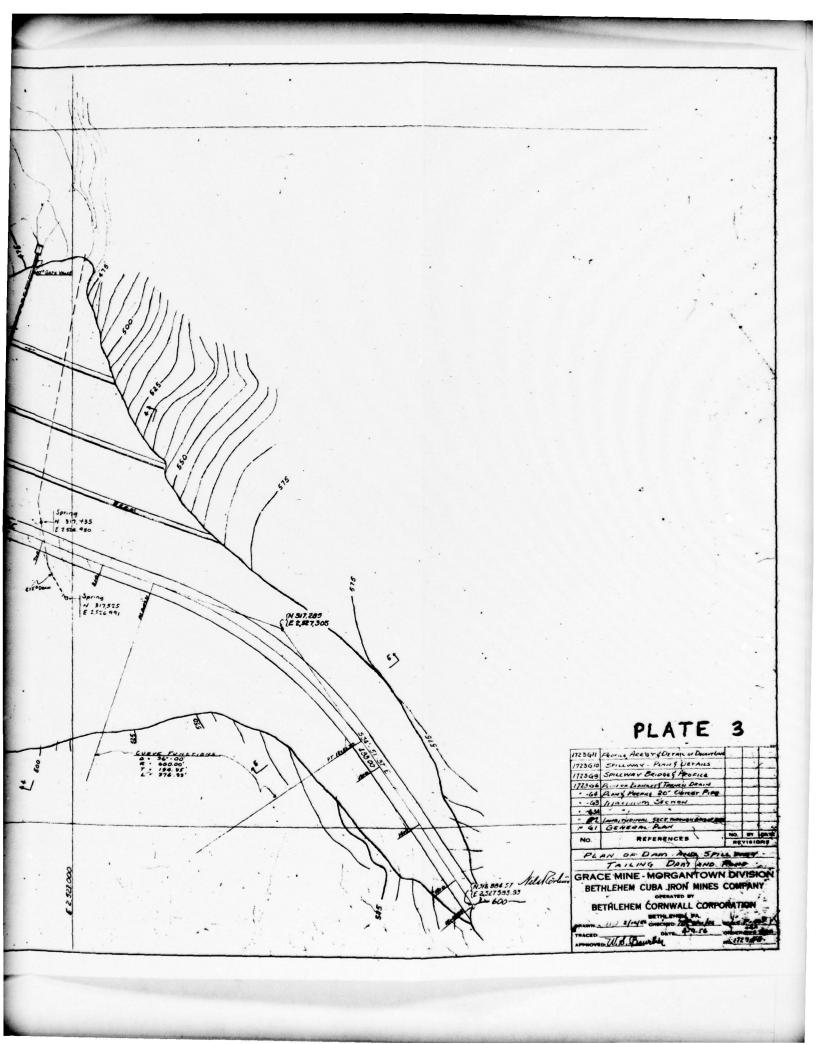
REGIONAL VICINITY MAP	PLATE	1
PLAN & PROFILE 20" DIAM. OUTLET PIPE (1956)	PLATE	2
PLAN OF DAM & SPILLWAY (1956)	PLATE	3
PLAN OF BLANKET & TRENCH DRAIN (1956)	PLATE	4
TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS (1956)	PLATE	5
PROFILE, ARRANGEMENT AND DETAILS OF DECANT LINE (1956)	PLATE	6
PROPOSED PLAN TAILINGS DAM EXPANSION (1974)	PLATE	7
IDEALIZED SECTIONS THROUGH TAILINGS DAM & SPILLWAY WITH ELEV. 615.0 CREST (AS-BUILT JULY 1976)	PLATE	8
PLAN VIEW OF DAM SHOWING PROBLEM AREAS	PLATE	9
TOP OF DAM PROFILE LOOKING DOWNSTREAM	PLATE	10

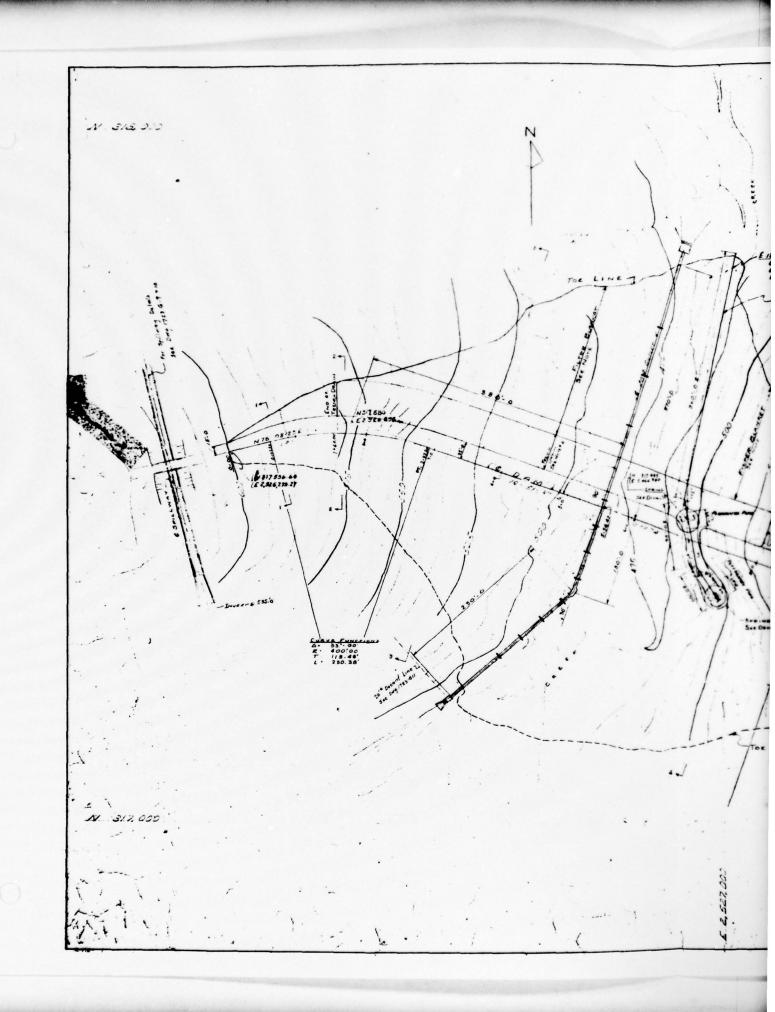


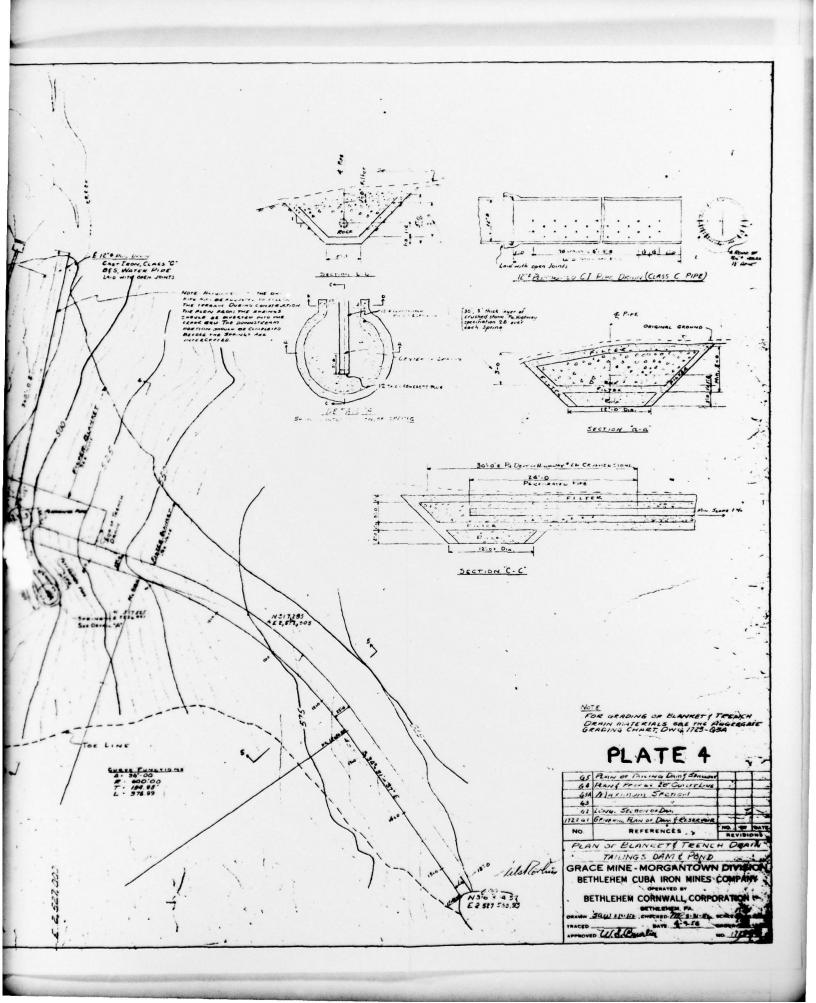


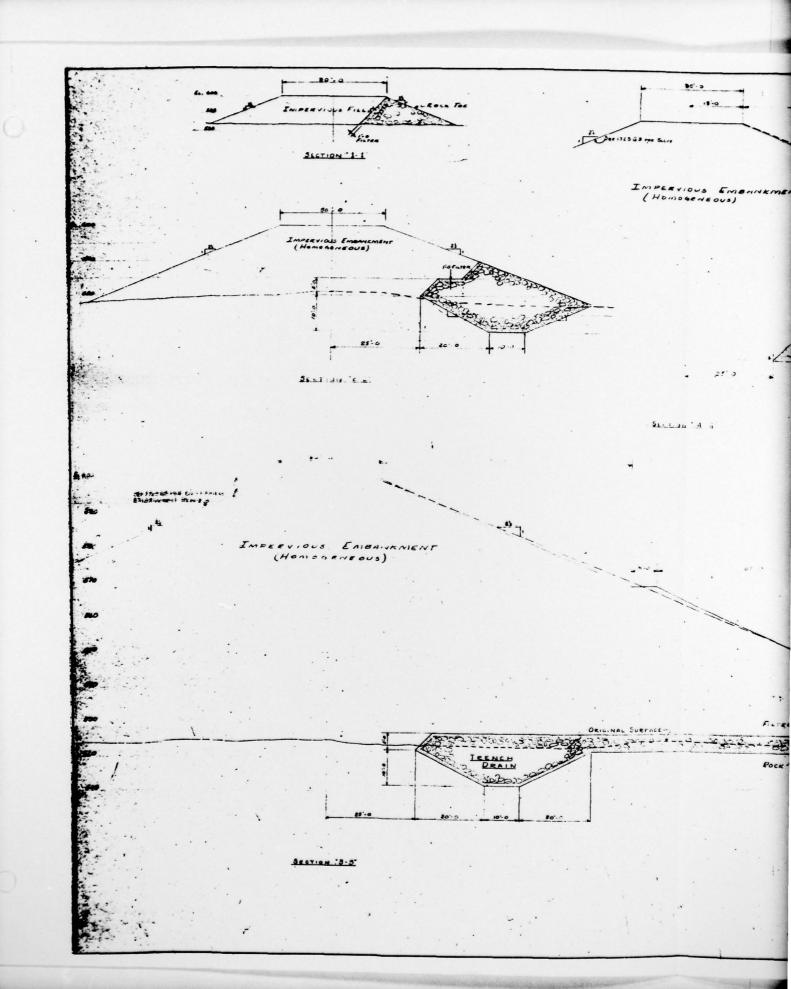


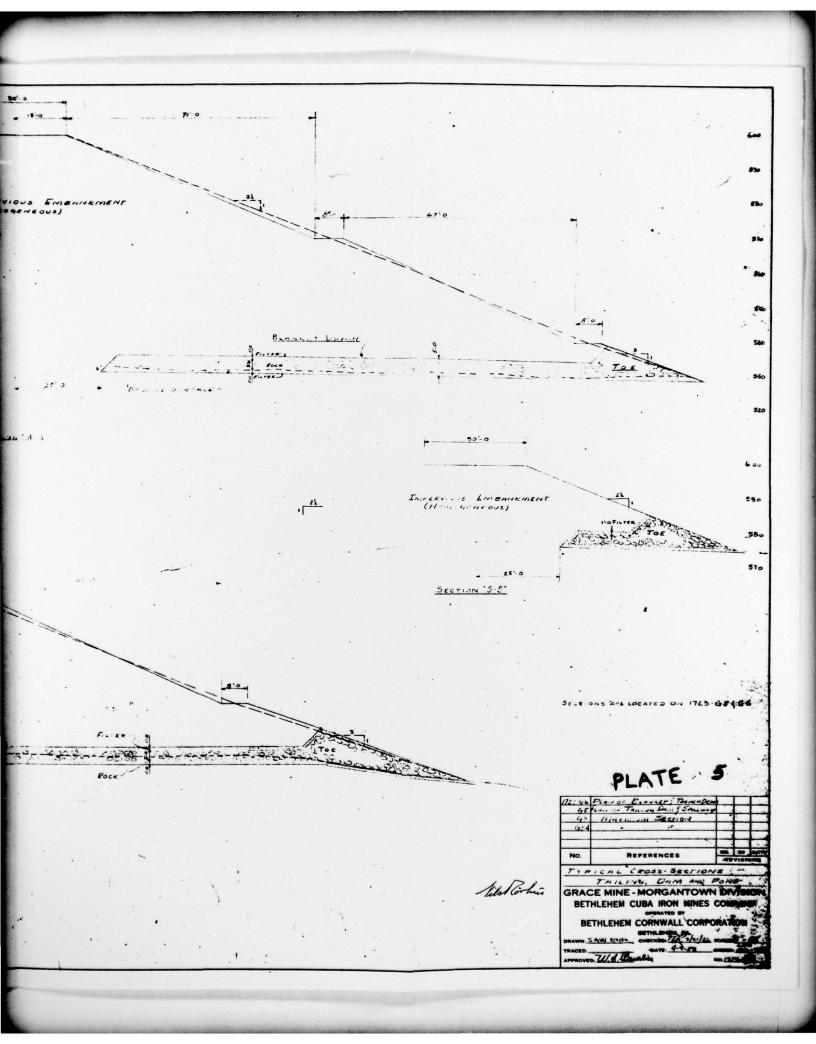


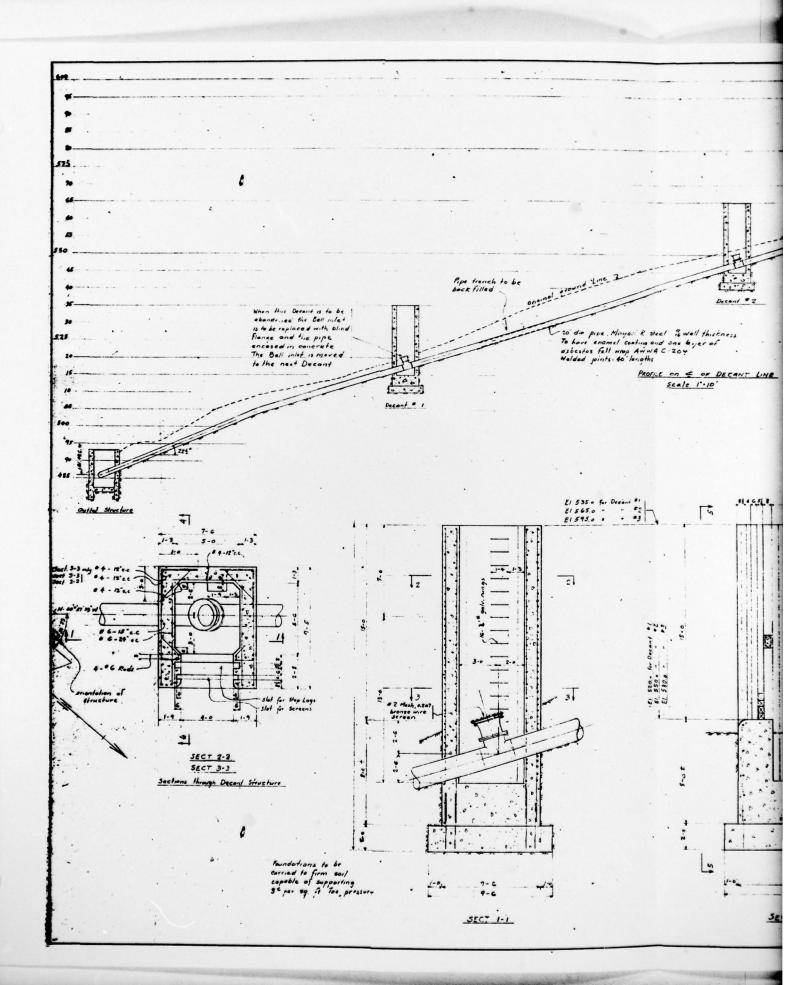


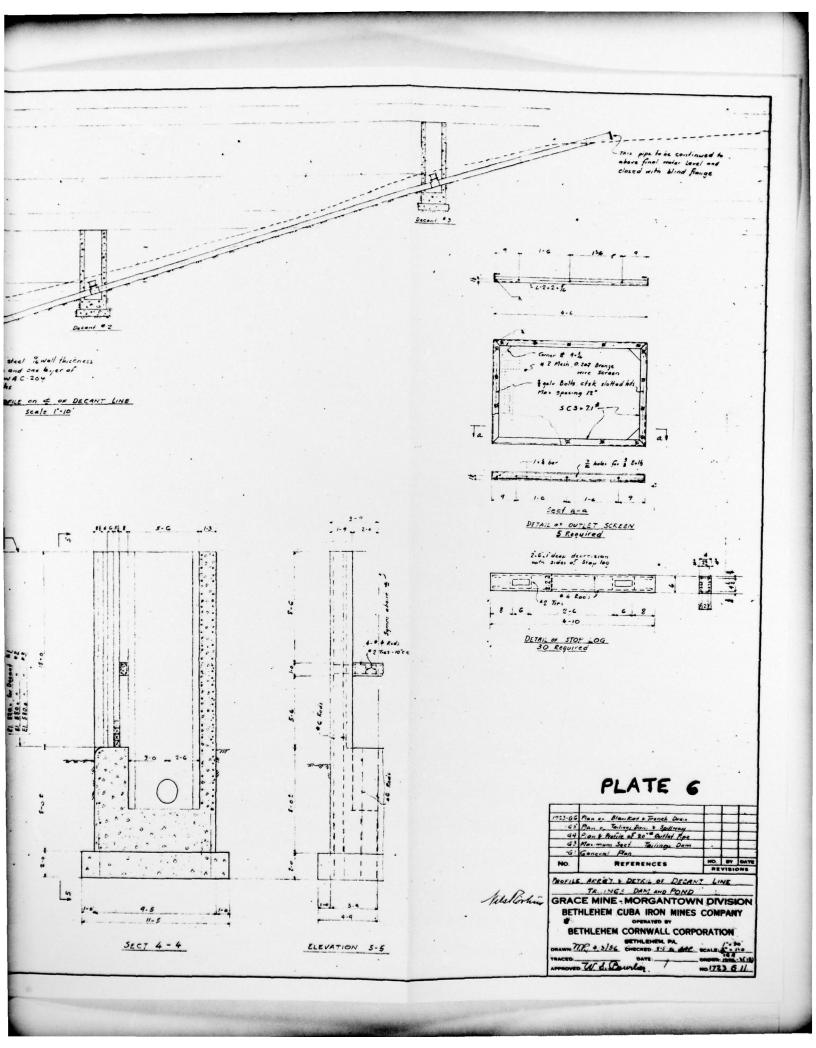


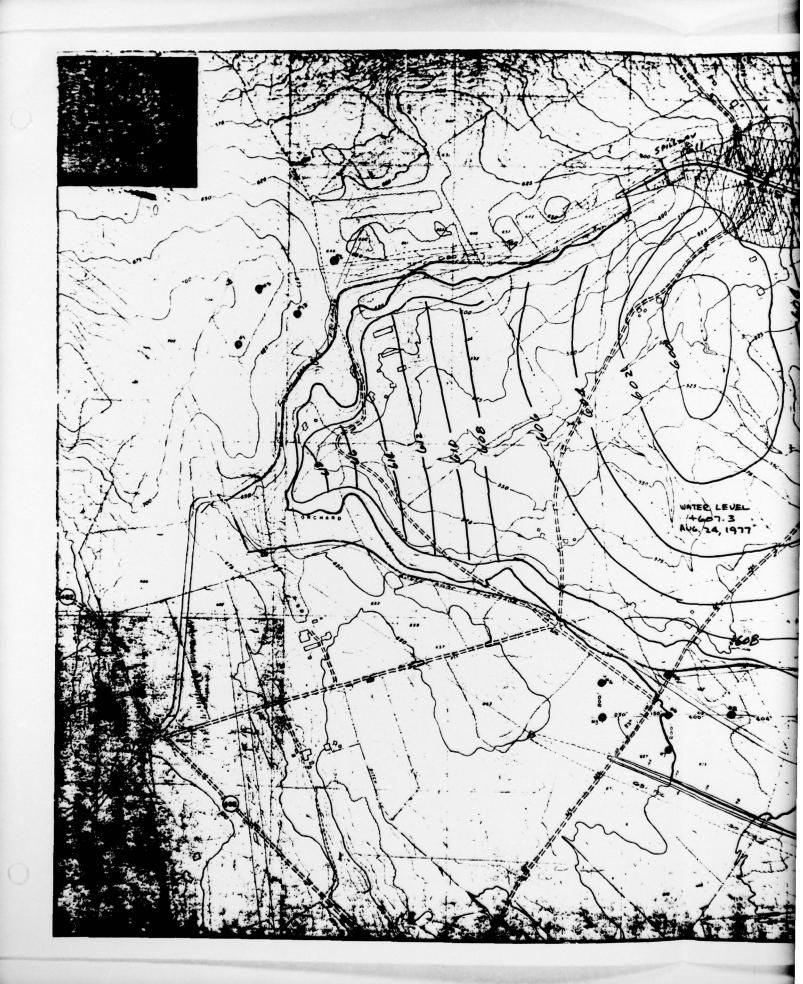


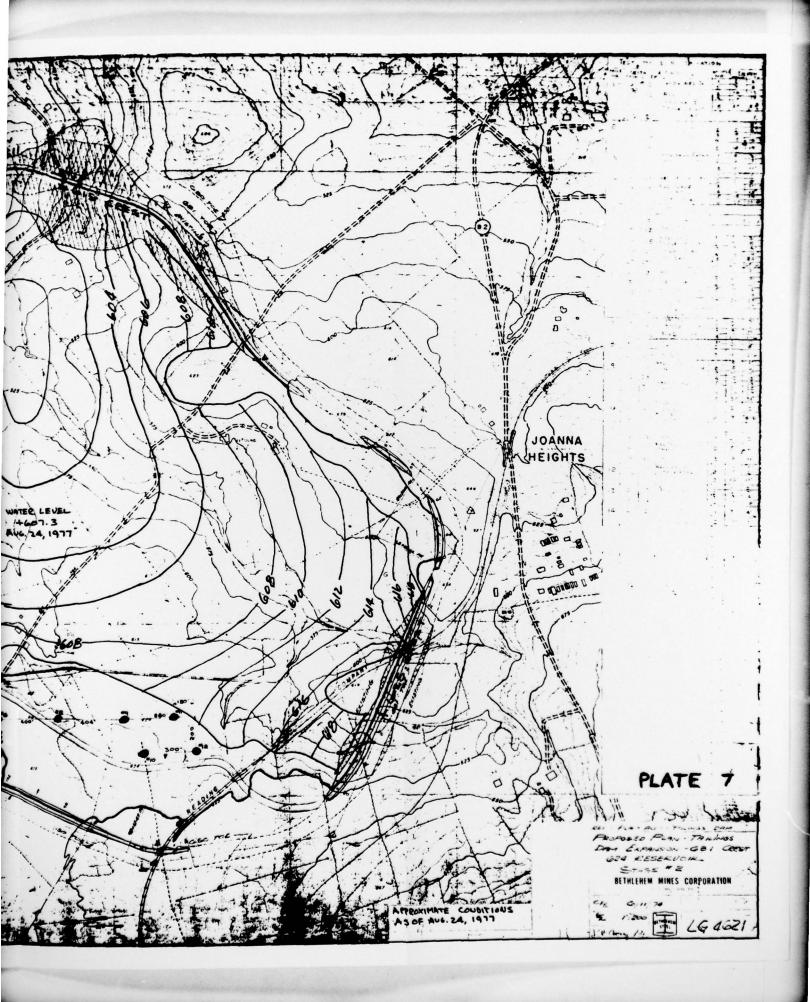


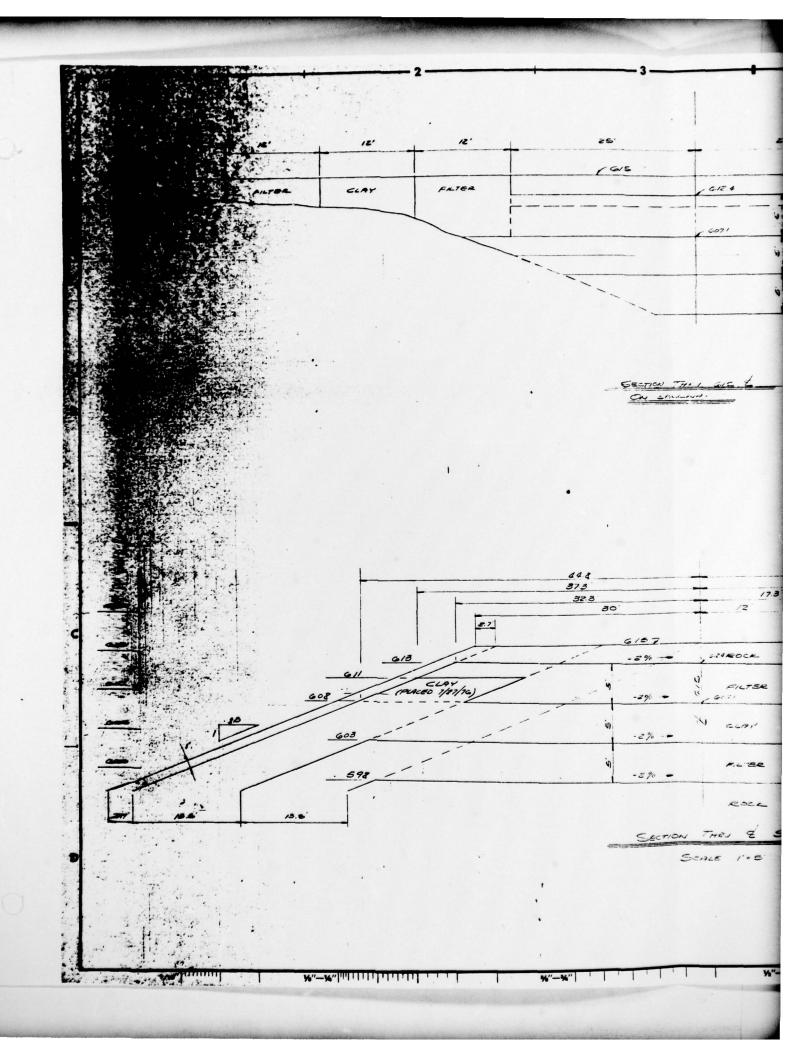


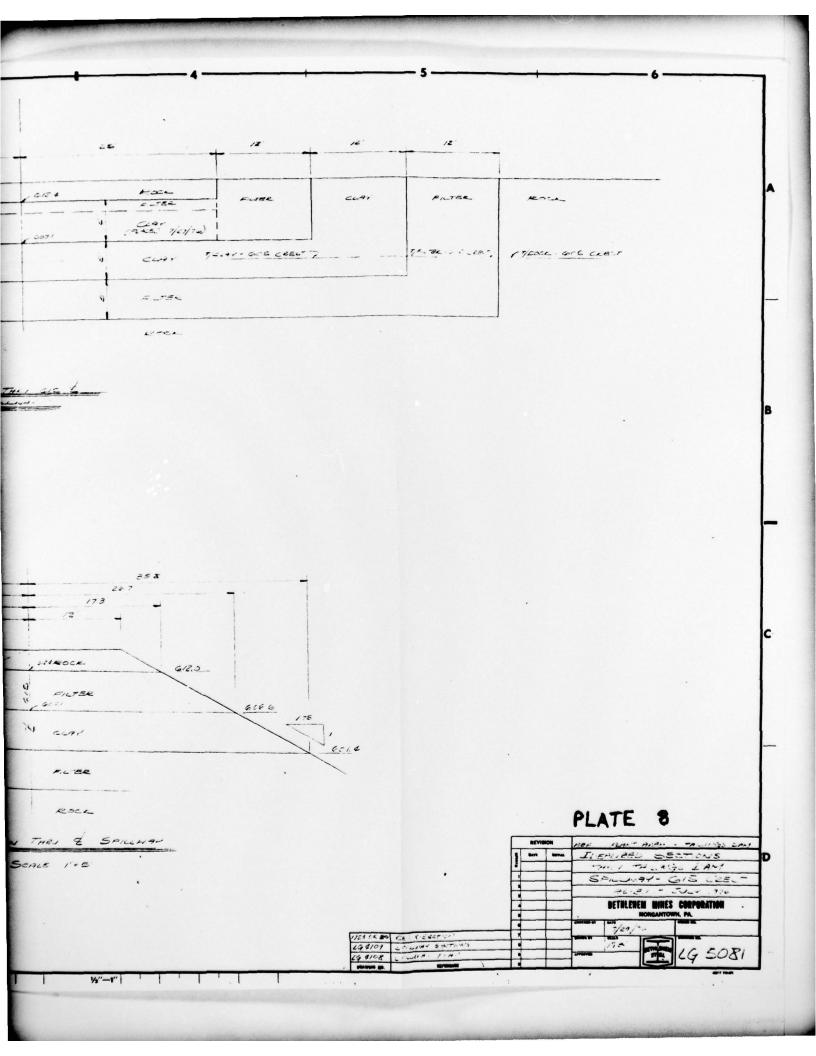






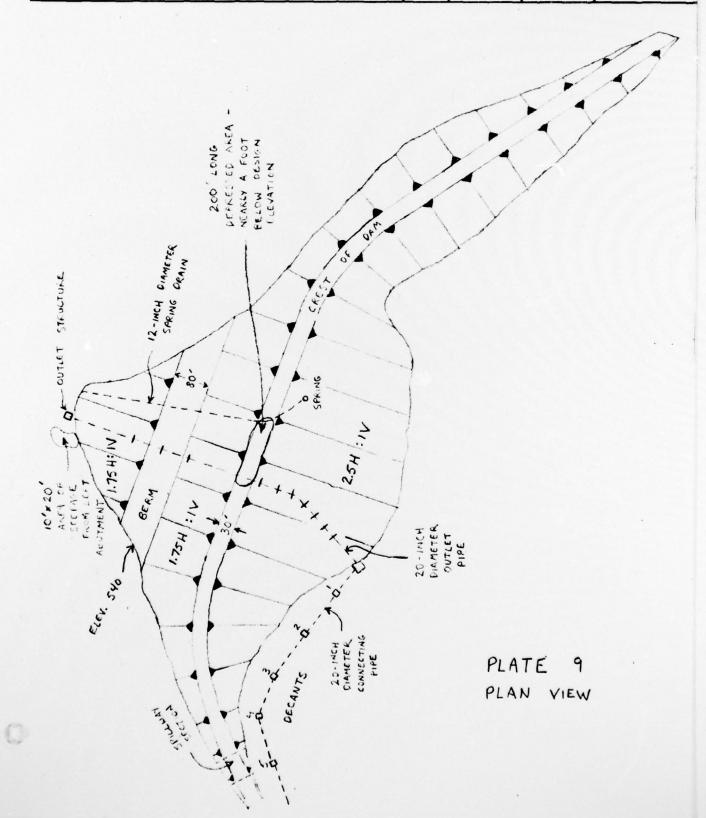


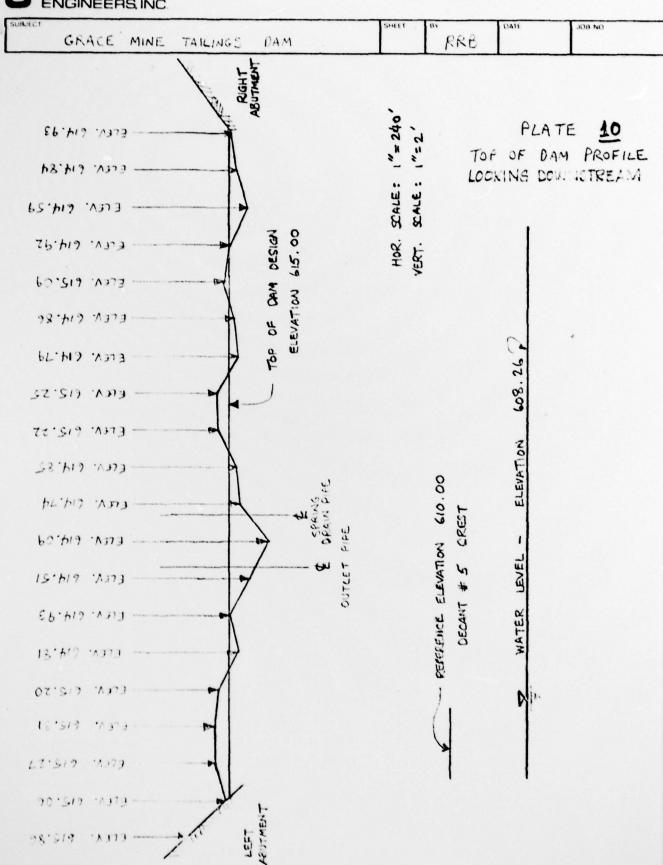






GRACE MINE TAILINGS DAM REE JOB NO





F

Site Geology

SITE GEOLOGY

GRACE MINE TAILINGS DAM

Grace Mine is located in the Triassic Lowlands section of the Piedmont physiographic province. Bedrock consists of quartzose conglomerates and red sandstones of the Brunswick formation. These sedimentary beds dip about 7° to 18° NE and have a direction of strike at about N 45° W. According to the geologic sections developed from subsurface explorations at the dam site, there is a fracture and accompanying shear zone cutting diagonally across the longitudinal areas of the dam. The fractures line trends about NE-SW and intersects the dam centerline about 200 feet west of the stream bed and does not appear to have affected dam stability.

